In the Claims:

1-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 6, wherein the selected file is a web page.

5. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the one or more files that are likely to be referenced within a temporal proximity of reference to the selected file comprise at least one of (1) one or more embedded objects of the web page and (2) one or more other web pages which are hyperlinked to the web page.

6. (Currently amended) A method of storing content in a computing network, comprising:

generating by a content authoring tool a plurality of files and hints that specify one or more of the files that are likely to be referenced within a temporal proximity of reference to a selected other one of the files;

receiving at a storage system the plurality of files and hints from the content authoring tool; ~~hints that comprise an indication of anticipated relationships among files;~~ and

using the received hints to allocate storage within the storage system for the files~~, wherein the hints are created by a content authoring tool, and wherein the hints specify one or more files that are likely to be referenced within a temporal proximity of a reference to a selected one of the files~~.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the selected file is a text document.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the one or more files that are likely to be referenced within a temporal proximity of reference to the selected file comprise one or more objects which are embedded within or referenced by the text document.

9. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 6, wherein the hints further specify weights which describe a degree of dependency ~~for the relationships~~ that the one or more files will be referenced within a temporal proximity of reference to the selected file.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 6, wherein the hints are encoded in a markup language notation.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the markup language notation is Extensible Markup Language ("XML") notation.

13. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 6, further comprising:

receiving a request for one of the files at the storage system;

retrieving the requested file from the allocated storage within the storage system; and

returning the retrieved file responsive to the request.

14. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 6, further comprising:

using the received hints to create dependency information which is stored by ~~a receiver of the hints~~ the storage system in temporary or permanent storage;

receiving a request for one of the files at the storage system; and

determining a read request strategy for the requested file by accessing the stored dependency information.

15. (Original) The method according to Claim 14, wherein the read request strategy comprises determining selected ones of the files which should be pre-fetched along with a read of the requested file.

16. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 15, wherein determining selected ones of the files which should be pre-fetched further comprises comparing a dependency weight of the files to a pre-fetch threshold.

17. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, wherein the pre-fetch threshold is used to tune the pre-fetch operation.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 15, further comprising:

retrieving the requested file from the allocated storage;

retrieving the selected ones of the files which should be pre-fetched from the allocated storage;

returning the retrieved requested file responsive to the request; and

caching the ~~retrieved selected ones~~ the pre-fetched files.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 18, further comprising caching the retrieved requested file.

20-21. (Canceled).